

THREE LUSK BILLS, PASSED IN SENATE, CALLED MENACE

Denounced as Holding Club
Over Education and
Liberty.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent
of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, N. Y., April 14.—The three Lusk bills, two of which are characterized as most dangerous menaces to American freedom, which were passed by the Senate yesterday, were sent to the Assembly to-day and referred to the Committee on Rules.

Whatever the intention in their making, the debate in the Senate, which lasted from early morning until nearly 8 o'clock last night, showed the danger of the bills. That they are loaded with dynamite was evidenced by the objections expressed by those opposed to them. Under the pretext of abolishing the Rand School, it was claimed, private and religious schools were put under the ban, or at least they were put under the direction of the Regents.

This last was vigorously denied, but it was admitted that such a possibility existed. In the bill establishing a secret police bureau in the Attorney General's office to conduct prosecutions for criminal anarchy and carrying an appropriation of \$100,000, the opposition saw not only the opening of a new avenue of easy money, but actual danger to men and women.

The bills which have been passed—railroaded through the Senate by the majority party—carry appropriations of \$110,000, with new grants at the public crib in sight for every Legislature. They are bound to become the law, for the majority party in the Assembly will follow the lead of the party leaders. And there are more Lusk bills to come with more appropriations.

Senators George F. Thompson, Frederick M. Davenport and James J. Walker made bitter speeches against the bills, and Democrats and Republicans alike took turns at heckling Senator Lusk, the author of them.

"Isn't it possible under these bills," asked Senator Loring Black, of Brooklyn, "to prosecute persons who not only conspire against this country, but against any foreign country? Wouldn't it be possible, for instance, to arrest and prosecute Sinn Feiners in this country?"

Mr. Lusk said that he didn't think so, but that such a proposition was possible.

"The bill conferring new powers on

the Attorney General is a dangerous measure," declared Senator Walker. "I don't like this spy system. I like the purpose of the bill all right but I don't like the way it works out. It may be all right now, but I am afraid of the future. The bill doesn't show how to reach the Bolshevik 'higher up' who is ten times worse than the low brow anarchist."

"I don't like this recent business idea. Not so long ago we saw politics mixed up in the making of a Regent and we find that the Regents are beholden to some one. It is too much for them to say what curriculum shall be adopted by private schools."

Senator Walters said that parochial schools are already under the Regents, but Senator Walker came back with the assertion that they were only so far as prescribed studies went.

"Under this bill though," he said, "the Regents could dictate to parochial schools just how far they could go in their studies and also what they must not teach."

"In my opinion," declared Senator Dodge, "under the bill licensing schools, all fraternal organizations, Masons, Elks, and other bodies having lodges, would have to obtain licenses."

"This is the worst measure of the lot," said Senator Davenport. "For the first time in the history of the

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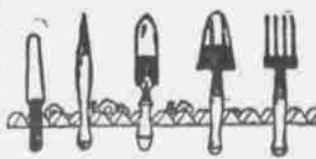
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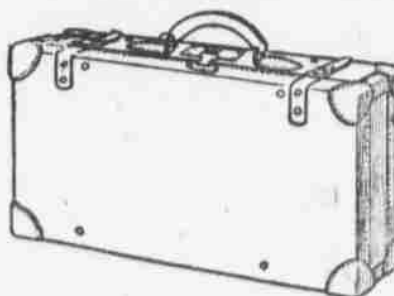
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